

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1625

Introduced by Assembly Member Klehs

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 7550.7 to the Government Code, relating to state reports.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1625, as introduced, Klehs. State government: reports: perjury.

Existing law generally sets out the requirements for the submission of written reports by public agencies to the Legislature, the Governor, and state legislative and executive entities.

This bill would additionally require any of these written reports required to be submitted by any state agency, board, or commission to include a signed statement by the head of the agency or chair of the board or commission, with specified exceptions, declaring under penalty of perjury that the contents of the report are accurate to the best of his or her knowledge. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7550.7 is added to the Government Code, to read:

7550.7. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every written report, as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 7550.5, required to be submitted to the Legislature by any state agency, board, or commission, shall include a signed statement by the head of that agency, or chair of the board of commission, as described in subdivision (b), declaring under penalty of perjury that the contents of the report are accurate to the best of his or her knowledge.

(b) This section shall only apply to those individuals appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. It shall not be construed to apply to any elected official of the state, or any official whose duties are prescribed by the California Constitution.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.